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Paris, May 30, 1978

The Ambassador of the Argentine Republic  
6, rue Cimarosa  
Paris

Mr. Ambassador:

The Executive Board of the French Psychology Society wrote to you on January 17, 1977 to express our distress and anxiety over what happened to our colleague and fellow psychologist, Blanca Tarnopolsky, née Edelberg, age 48, long a professor of psychopedagogy at the University of Buenos Aires, who was kidnapped from her home in the night of July 14, 1976 with several members of her family: her husband, Hugo Tarnopolsky, age 50, a chemical engineer; her daughter Bettina, age 15; and her daughter-in-law Laura, age 20. They were apparently arrested by federal police agents. That same night, July 14, 1976, another of the Tarnopolsky children, Sergio, age 21, disappeared from the place of his military service.

On October 25, 1976 the Executive Board of the French Psychology Society sent Dr. Alejandro Caride, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Argentine Republic, a letter requesting him to inform us of the place of detention of our colleague and the members of her family, as well as the reasons for the detention of each of them. At the same time many members of the French Psychology Society supported the request of the Executive Board and sent Dr. Caride an identical or similar letter. On January 17, 1977 we sent you a list of the 612 signers, most of whom were members of our Society. All the branches of psychology were represented, often by leading authorities. Furthermore, the French Association of Academic Psychologists lent its support

to the efforts of the French Psychology Society.

To date no reply has been received to our letters and we remain deeply disturbed over the disappearance of our colleague and her family, from whom there has been no word.

We therefore urgently request you to inform us of the current situation of Blanca Tarnopolsky and her family. Our action is the expression of a rightful humanitarian concern and of a basic professional solidarity for persons close to us.

Sincerely yours,

Claude Bonnet  
Secretary General